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Inmate Death at FCI Butner (Low)

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, May 22, 2020, inmate John A. Brust was evaluated by institutional medical staff at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner (Low), in Butner, North Carolina. He tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately placed in isolation. On Monday, May 25, 2020, Mr. Brust was transported to a local hospital for treatment and further evaluation for issues relating to pulmonary infection and hypoxia. He was placed on a ventilator that same day. On Friday, June 5, 2020, Mr. Brust, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Brust was a 77-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of Michigan to a 120-month sentence for Obscene Matter, Receipt of Child Pornography, and Possession of Child Pornography. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Butner since December 17, 2014.

FCI Butner (Low) is a Low security facility that currently houses 1,181 male offenders.

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